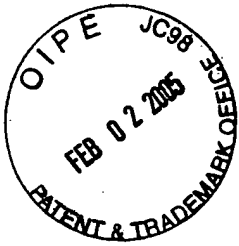


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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Dear Suzuki-san:

In accordance with the instructions in your letter of January 31, 2005, we prepared and filed an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in the above-identified application. Copies of the papers as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office today are enclosed for your records.

Please note that since we are responding to a final office action, our response may not avoid the need to take further action, such as filing an appeal or a continuation application, by the due date of May 2, 2005.

Additionally, please find enclosed our debit note for services and disbursements. We will keep you informed of all further developments with respect to the prosecution of this application.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

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